

Heroic neighbours save children from house fire

BRAVE and decisive action from teenager Matt Robinson and his family saved five children during a dramatic rescue from a burning house on Sunday.

Matt bravely entered the neighbours burning house in West Street, Abbotsbury after hearing calls for help, and with the assistance of his mother and father Jackie and Roy, rescued the children aged 16, 12, 11, five and 16-months from an upstairs bedroom.

Dorset Police described the Robinson family's quick-thinking actions as "heroic," whilst Station Manager Steve Isaacs, who attended the scene added: "Once again a working smoke alarm has saved lives."

The drama unfolded around 9:30 pm on Sunday evening when Matt, who was in his bedroom, heard cries for help coming from outside.

He dashed out the house to see the children's mother Tracee Barlow on the ground by the back

door calling for help having injured herself jumping from the bedroom window, and the eldest daughter Charlotte hanging out the bedroom window shouting for assistance.

Tracee had been alerted to the fire by the smoke alarm warning and Charlotte had rounded up all the children into their mother's bedroom.

Matt broke in through the back door, and aware that the house was on fire pushed the lounge door slightly ajar. Finding the room in flames he closed it again to contain the fire.

Unsure of the house layout and with thick smoke around the stair area, Matt ran outside where by now his parents had put a ladder to the window, and mother Jackie was at the top helping Charlotte transfer 16-month Mackenzie and 12-year-old Tammy down to Roy.

Charlotte was becoming affected by smoke inhalation and so Matt climbed into the bedroom and

by Stuart Broom

helped her down to safety.

"Although she was choking from the smoke, she didn't want to leave the other children, and only relented when I took her place," said Matt.

"Although I had a torch it was useless as the smoke was so thick, it was like driving in fog where the light reflects back, and so I had to feel my way to find the other two. I shouted to them to make noises to help me find them."

Armed with a wet cloth over his mouth, Matt found 11-year-old Jack slumped against the door and his younger sister against some bedroom fur-

niture. Both had fallen semi-conscious.

Another neighbour Kate March who called the emergency services attended to the children together with the fourth member of the Robinson family, 15-year-old Lisa, until the paramedics arrived and took over.

The children and their mother, who fractured her pelvis in the fall, were taken to Dorchester County Hospital where all the children were released after treatment on Monday afternoon.

Matt who had only celebrated his 18th birthday the day before is studying

a full time motor vehicle course at Weymouth College.

He played down his part in the rescue and went to work as normal on Monday morning at the Bridport Care Repair Centre, where he gains practical experience two days a week.

"It was instinctive and something you do automatically. I didn't really think about the danger, I just wanted to help, but after realised that I could have made the situation worse if I had become trapped."

Father Roy said whilst they appreciated the danger, they assessed that there was no fire in the bedroom and if they were quick they could save all the children.

"It was ten minutes or so after we had rescued them that the fire brigade arrived, by which time might have been too late for the last two children."

A statement from Dorset Fire and Rescue Services confirmed: "Two crews from Dorchester and a crew from Weymouth attended the scene and tackled



■ HERO: Matt Robinson at work on Monday morning having rescued his neighbour's five children from their burning house the night before

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YOU could say the key ingredient to the success of Alf's Fish and Chip Shop is community spirit. Since taking over the fryers of the shop on Lynch Road four and a half years ago, John Pearce and his wife Karen have won countless awards for their involvement with the Weymouth's community.

Cornishman John has been in the fast food business for 28 years and knows a thing or two about frying the perfect chip and which piece of fish makes the perfect accompaniment.

Here he talks about all those things plus his favourite Christmas carol, what shows he'll put his feet up to watch over the festive period and which dish he would take with him onto a desert island.

■ HOW did you get into the fish and chip business?

Because I'm dyslexic couldn't find any opportunities open to me and so I got into the fish and chip business simply because I had always been in the fast food trade. I was initially in Weymouth town centre.

■ WHAT is the secret to a good chip?

First you need a fresh Maris Piper potato. Then you need to wash it thoroughly to remove all the starch and the pans (frying pans) must be kept clean at all times; so many people make the mistake of not doing that. And we use 100-per-cent vegetable oil.

■ WHAT is the most popular dish?

Cod and chips, they will always be the staple of what we do, and people will always love them. But saying that, our gluten free range is also very popular. Some people come here especially for it because we don't mix fryers, or cross fry, the ingredients.

■ HAVING won the community Seafish awards Contribution to the Local Community Award for the third year, what drives you to be so community minded?

I had a mother, who lived on her own, and I didn't spend a lot of time with her because of working all the time, and we see in the news and papers all the time old people being mugged and I just want to make sure those people are being looked after. Some of these people served in the war for us and I feel we should pay them back a little bit.

■ WHAT makes a good fish and chip shop?

Good quality food at the right prices. The staff's relationship with the customers and the over all cleanliness of the shop. It's something that's seen us become so successful, our relationship with the public in general; we get the police, fire brigade all walks of life coming here.

■ HAVE you any hobbies outside of work?



No. All my time is devoted to the shop and charity work. I went through a stage where people were donating furniture and I was giving it to people that needed it and spent my spare time with that, but since my angina attack I cannot do it any more.

■ WHAT do you like about Weymouth?

It's near the sea-side and the beach and you get a good lot of tourists. But I think it's the people in Weymouth, who are fantastic and have such a great community spirit which makes it such a good place to live.

■ WHAT don't you like about the town?

The parking, which is about to get a lot worse. The increase in business rates, that's not helping the smaller businesses and basically the council in general. They are putting in roundabouts near my shop and a cycle path but they didn't even consult us.

■ WHAT three things would you buy if you won the lottery?

For myself nothing I've got everything I need, a great wife and children. I think I would spend some on a few pensioners here, some need cookers, some fridges and others washing machines, so I would give some money for that. And I think I would buy Karen a house on Greenhill near the sea front. I'm not a man that needs to show off with possessions like a brand new car or anything.

■ WHAT three things would you take with you onto a desert island?

Water, firstly. A radio so I could listen to Solent, because I like the music and way they have talking on there. And I'd take some food; it would probably be chips because they have all the nourishment in them and would keep you going.

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Police seek river assault witnesses

CCTV images have been released in an attempt to track down attackers who

pushed a Bridport man into a river last month. Detectives investigating

an assault on a man in Bridport are renewing their appeal for witnesses

and anyone with information to come forward with images of people that offi-

cers would like to speak with being released.

At around 2am on Saturday, December 12th 2009, a 29-year-old Bridport man was attacked while walking toward Bridport town centre from the direction of the Tanners Public House in West Allington.

The man was confronted by a group of four young men and sometime after this, between 2am and 4am, a verbal altercation is believed to have taken place before the victim reports that he was pushed into a nearby river.

Detective Constable Gerard Marchant, of Weymouth CID, said: "Following further police enquiries, I am now able

to release CCTV images of a group of men that I am eager to speak with.

"I would urge those pictured – and anyone who recognises any of the people pictured – to contact me, in confidence, as soon as possible.

"It could be that any one of these people will have information that will help me to find out exactly what happened along West Allington in the early hours of Saturday, December 12th.

"I'd also urge anyone who witnessed any suspicious or unusual activity in this area, between 2am and 4am on Saturday, December 12th, and anyone who has any information about those involved, to

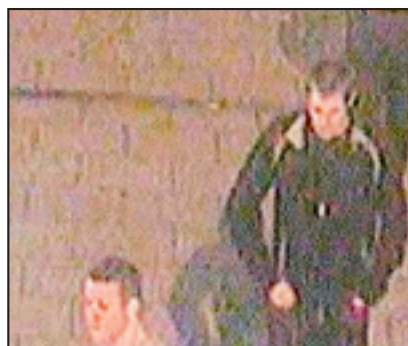
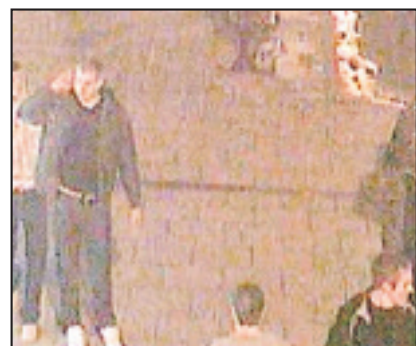
contact me as soon as possible."

The man sustained facial injuries as a result of the incident, and was treated at Dorset County Hospital.

One of the four attackers is described as being five foot nine inches tall, of an average build and with short dark hair.

No further description of the four men is available.

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police on 01305 222 222 or the free and anonymous Crime-stoppers line on 0800 555 111 (mobile phone tariffs may apply).



IMAGES of the men police would like to talk to concerning an assault in Bridport on Saturday, December 12th, taken outside Bridport Kebab House on the night of the incident

Cliff foot body believed to be Weymouth woman

A BODY discovered at the foot of cliffs in West Bay on Christmas Day is believed to be that of a 57-year-old woman from Weymouth.

The woman, who went missing from the town on the afternoon of Thursday, December 24th, was discovered by a member of the public walking their dog.

Her body was found at 8am on Christmas Day at the base of the cliffs on east beach, a few hundred metres east of the harbour in West Bay.

The coroner and next of kin have been informed but formal identification is expected to take two weeks.

There are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the incident.

SEAN SETS A NEW DATE FOR BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE GIG



SEAN LOCK: The stand-up comedian will now appear in Bridport next month

STAND up comedian Sean Lock has vowed to honour his much-anticipated trip to Bridport after a car accident saw him cancel his visit in December.

The QI star and 8 Out of 10 Cats team captain was due to appear at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, December 18th but was forced to pull out after smashing his car into a lamppost during a heavy snowstorm. The comedian has promised disappointed fans that he will honour the gig and the warm-up for his 44-date national tour has now been rescheduled for Thursday, February 18th.

Lock, 46, had been driving back from a show in Colchester, Essex, the night before his scheduled visit when his car hit an ice patch on the road and skidded

into a lamppost.

Although he escaped uninjured he was unable to drive the car back to his London home and had to abandon it in the town.

His manager from Off the Kerb, Joe Norris, said: "Sean had just finished his show in Colchester where the weather was terrible.

"He wasn't going very fast but he hit an ice patch and there was nothing he could do to right the car.

"He was fine but he had to stay the night in the town and sort the car out in the morning.

"The weather was still really bad all along the east side of the country and it would have been an absolute nightmare for him to get down to Dorset, especially as he didn't have his car."

Speaking about the missed gig, Lock said: "It

was a total nightmare.

"I was really looking forward to it and I'm really sorry to everyone who'd bought a ticket, particularly to anyone who can't make February.

"But on the bright side it means I should have the routine totally sorted by the time I get there."

BAC Executive Director Lindsay Brooks said she was grateful the audience had understood the problem.

She said: "As soon as we heard Sean wasn't going to make it, the team rallied around and we contacted everyone we could.

"So we were fortunate only a handful of people actually didn't know it had been cancelled - but even then they were great about it and understood and we shared a glass of mulled wine

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by Tom Glover

The judging was based on customer satisfaction, growth of the business and the quality of the installations.

Jim has been supplying and fitting British-made solar panels for over 10 years all over the south west; on

houses, schools, farms and even prisons. He moved from Cornwall to Bridport in 2002.

In his spare time he is a member of the Bridport Renewable Energy Group, a voluntary group of experts whose goal is to help the local community by reducing its dependence on fossil fuel, and is also a director of Transition Town Bridport.



■ GOING GREEN: Jim Shearman with a solar panel big enough to provide hot water for two people in summer

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Powerstock Common's ancient woodland, important neutral grasslands and old hedgebanks and ponds make it an exceptional area for wildlife, especially butterflies, woodland flowers and birds, and they have survived in the face of serious threats.

Part of the reserve used to be an ancient common, but in the mid 1800s the grazing rights of local people

were removed and the land cleared for farming.

Things went from bad to worse in the 1960s when the woodland was cleared again to plant conifers.

Dorset Wildlife Trust has been working since the 1970s to restore

the grasslands, gradually acquiring more of the land, and now at last this work is complete.

Dorset Wildlife Trust West Area Warden, Maurits Fontein, said: "The Common is now a magnificent reserve, with the newly cleared areas

expected to become as wildlife-rich as the surviving grasslands. To achieve this we need volunteers to help to clear scrub where the conifers have been removed, which will complement the work being done by our grazing Galloway cattle."

Some of the special wildlife expected to benefit from the work in-

cludes marsh fritillary butterflies and flowers such as devil's bit scabious.

Maurits added: "The existing grasslands are very rich in butterflies and other insects and this is what we are aiming for on the areas that have now been cleared of conifers.

"With flowers such as bee orchid on the lime-rich old railway line,

Powerstock has a very wide variety of wildlife already, with great potential for more."

Powerstock volunteering days will be every Thursday until March, with the first session on Thursday, January 7th meeting at the reserve car park at 10am. Please ring Maurits on 07825 311686 for more details.



■ CONIFER felling at Powerstock Common, with conservation grazing cattle in the foreground Photo by MAURITS FONTEIN



■ GALLOWAY cattle in the snow on Powerstock Common Photo by MAURITS FONTEIN

Now that's customer feedback!

A WEST Dorset woman has proved that customer feedback really can get you the result you want.

After a visit to The Hive Beach Café, Burton Bradstock with her boyfriend Mark Tacey, Karen Garlinge of Winterbourne Abbas completed a customer feedback card.

Karen wrote on the card: "The place to visit when in love and hopefully he'll propose to me here!" Boyfriend Mark was unaware of this at the time but after spotting the comment on the café's website he decided that he would make her wish come true.

In early December, General Manager Graham Wiffen received an e-mail from Mark asking if he could arrange for a bouquet to be delivered from Gemma's, a Bridport florist, with a very special message.

On Saturday, December 12th, the couple turned up and tucked into coffee and cake with Karen completely unaware of what had been planned for the second anniversary of their meeting.

On cue from Mark, Assistant Manager Becky Black presented a dozen roses to Karen. Mark simply said: "There is a question I have wanted to ask you for some time, please read the card."

The whole café went silent and waited before Karen dissolved into tears and accepted the proposal.

After sipping on champagne and recovering

their composure, the couple left to buy an engagement ring.

As to the future, Karen, an NHS worker, has relocated to Nottingham. However, she and Mark are frequent visitors to West Dorset

"Our dream, the icing on the cake, is to be married on the beach at Burton Bradstock," added Karen.



■ THE HAPPY COUPLE: Karen celebrates with Mark after accepting his marriage proposal

New Year, New You!



Ross Elliott - ACertCSHyp DCHyp

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NEW Year is traditionally a time when we consider change, a new start, out with the old and in with the new. For many of us our resolutions have to do with our body image and how we feel. Over-indulgence and expanding waistlines at Christmas provoke knee-jerk reactions - no alcohol/pudding for the whole of January, join the gym - but what happens in the gloom of February? We slip back into old patterns, comfort eating and the gym shoes gather dust.

Gain control

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Rebecca Loader is a Chartered Physiotherapist with over 20 years experience

in both the NHS and Private Sector. In addition to having a wide range of experience in treating many different conditions she has completed a further year at Post Graduate level in Sports Physiotherapy in London, and more recently a Foundation Course in Acupuncture.

Rebecca qualified in 1987 from the Queen Elizabeth School of Physiotherapy, Birmingham, and started her career at Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham. After which she travelled to Hong Kong and worked in the Ad-

ventist Hospital, and in the Hong Kong Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic, where she gained vast experience in the treatment of Sports Injuries including Rugby players in the Hong Kong Sevens, and Tennis players at the Salem Open Tours. After travelling and working in Australia, Rebecca returned to the UK and worked as a Senior Physiotherapist at Sarum Road BMI Hospital, Winchester, and she was appointed Honorary Physiotherapist to the England Ladies Under 16 Hockey Team, travelling in tournaments in the UK and abroad. Rebecca worked as a Senior Physiotherapist at Lewisham University Hospital, and more recently at the Lyme Regis Medical Centre. She has spent the last few years combining work with raising 3 children, and is delighted to be back in Private Practice.

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ViewLetters

CALL TO ARMS OVER POOR TV RECEPTION

KEN Pett, co-founder of the Dorset Broadcasting Action Group (DorBAG), has written an open letter in response to a call by Dr Sue Farrant of the Liberal Democrats for a public meeting regarding poor reception following the digital television switchover as reported in the View From's December 23rd edition.

Dear Dr Farrant,

I read the article in December 23rd's *View from Bridport* about the problems many people are reporting, regarding poor or no reception of digital television channels since switchover and/or the big re-tune.

We too are investigating these unacceptable cancellations as we also have received many complaints.

I am co-founder of the Dorset Broadcasting Action Group (DorBAG), strongly supported by Dorset County Council, many town and parish councils, Chambers of Commerce, etc, and many individuals.

We have been working with the BBC, Ofcom and Digital UK (including, of course, Bill Taylor) to, not only help in resolving these prob-

lems wherever possible, but also to lobby the BBC to provide the county of Dorset with proper local TV news coverage, and to re-establish BBC Radio Dorset.

The BBC has often publicly acknowledged that Dorset is underserved and we are determined to rectify this situation! I have to say that we have very good working relationships with these bodies at top level, and we believe we are making notable progress.

I thought you might appreciate knowing about DorBAG (www.dorbag.org.uk), as it is another lever in getting things done which residents may also wish to use.

I know Bill Taylor will help you all he can, but I am sure he will tell you that some issues, e.g. the loss of ITV3 and ITV4 are nothing to do with Digital UK. This problem relates to those on local relay transmitters only. Main transmitters and FreeSat are NOT affected.

It seems that residents who rely on local relay transmitters are therefore being treated as second class citizens, while still paying the full licence fee!

The official reason given for this unacceptable move is to free up

channel space on the relays so as to accommodate future High Definition (HD) channels.

We are already following this up in order to establish just who agreed to these cancellations so we can push for a return to common sense (it could be the Government, Ofcom or ITV, although we have yet to confirm exactly who made the decision).

It is even more irksome when they have left some +1 channels (i.e. those that repeat one hour later on Freeview), while cancelling these really popular channels!

Our web site gives up-to-date news on our progress on all relevant issues, along with tips on how to improve reception, etc.

Whilst welcoming your initiative to help local residents, we would be grateful if people were also encouraged to contact DorBAG, via our web site.

They can send e-mails to us regarding problems or to request advice, and can also sign up to receive our e-newsletters which go out as and when we have news to report.

I hope you find this information helpful, and please do contact me if I can be of any help.

KEN PETT

Marcus is new Melplash president

MARCUS Beresford CBE is the new president of the Melplash Agricultural Society.

The announcement was made at the organisation's recent AGM held in the Melplash Village Hall where the retiring incumbent Mrs Annie Crutchley introduced her successor, who is the retired CEO of GKN plc, and lives in South Bowood.

Mrs Crutchley firstly welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked all those that had worked so hard throughout the year to make the year such an excellent one for the society.

The outgoing chairman, George Rendell, reported that the annual Melplash Show had once again been a great

success. He thanked his fellow Board of Directors and paid special thanks to the society's section chairmen and their teams for their support throughout his two years in office. "Without their hard work and commitment the show would not happen!"

He then handed over to his successor for 2010/11, Nigel Jones. Born and bred in West Dorset, he has been involved with the society for over 30 years.

Mr Jones then welcomed Dan Newman, who farms at Chantmarle, Dorchester, as his vice chairman.

Both Mrs Crutchley and Mr Rendell were presented with photograph albums as a thank you and to commemorate their term of office.



■ MELPLASH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY: (from left to right) George Rendell, Marcus Beresford CBE, Annie Crutchley and Nigel Jones

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Number of stray dogs on the rise

■ **IN NEED OF A LOVING HOME:** One of the dogs at Woodlands Farm Kennels



RESCUE centres are dealing with a sudden unexplained increase in the number of stray dogs needing new homes.

Mary Bull at Woodlands Farm Kennels, near Bridport, says she is currently housing 13 strays from the area - and has no room for any more.

She said: "I don't know what the reason is for the sudden increase in strays."

"I know other rescue centres in the region are experiencing the same problems though."

West Dorset District Council's Senior Dog Warden Sue Gibson said: "We have had quite a lot of unclaimed strays in the last two months. I am not sure what the cause is, however, many rescue centres are full and desperate to find homes for unclaimed strays."

"Woodlands Farm Kennels have been a godsend, taking unclaimed strays from the council and finding good homes for them."

"Many of these have injuries and some are in very poor condition."

"All of them have received fantastic care from Woodlands, and we would like to take the opportunity to say a very big thank you to Mary Bull and her staff, for all their care and hard work."

"Anyone who can offer a dog a home can contact West Dorset District Council Dog Warden Services on 01305 251010."

■ **DOG NEEDS A HOME:** Another lovable mutt at Woodlands Farm Kennels



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■ **FESTIVE FUN:** Children join Darrell Wakelam for the Festive Fun workshop

Children have fun at Christmas workshops

by Tom Glover

BRIDPORT Art Centre's popular holiday workshops continued over the Christmas break.

In the week leading up to Christmas children attended a Festive Fun workshop led by Darrell Wakelam.

Children of all ages turned up to create their own individual santas.

Helper Judith Baldwin commented: "I enjoy helping Darrell, he's so enthusiastic and brings the best out in the children, as a retired teacher."

"I'm impressed by his creative ideas that fall within the younger children's abilities and yet can stretch the older ones imagination."

Next year the arts centre has two new workshops for young people. On Tuesday,

February 16th there is a pottery workshop for seven to 11-year-olds, with David Archer, and on Wednesday, February 17th a film making workshop will be held.

The children will script and storyboard a short film led by Margie Barbour ex Children's BBC producer and Sue Herman, experienced drama and voice teacher.

They will act it out, film it and watch it on the big screen with their families at the end of the day.

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■ SHINING STARS: The younger children perform the Christmas nativity

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Christmas has international feel at Loders Primary School

LODERS Primary School in Uplyme gave their Christmas celebrations an international feel with French, Russian and Caribbean influences.

Every year group played their part in the Christmas celebration in the village church.

The school band, which comprises a third of all the pupils, kicked off proceedings by accompanying the opening carol, Hark the herald angels sing.

There were then two renditions of French songs before the older children sang a 'Caribbean Carol' with percussion accompaniment.

The youngest children provided a nativity tableau to the Russian folk tale 'Baboushka' which was very ably narrated by children from Year Two.

All the pupils worked together well to make the celebration a success and the younger children were very well supported by Year Six who marshalled, guided and helped throughout.



■ JOYEUX NOEL: The children sing some French songs

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Powerstock Primary School Nativity



■ PUPILS at Powerstock Primary School prepare for their Christmas nativity production

Photo by TOM GLOVER

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Abbotsbury fire

JACKIE and Roy Robinson below the window where they helped rescue their neighbours' children

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led the fire using breathing apparatus and a hose reel jet.

"All the occupants of the house were outside when crews arrived and we believe they had been helped to safety by neighbours." Station Manager Isaacs

added: "We believe the lady was woken by her smoke alarm and all the other occupants were able to be rescued because of this.

We would also recommend residents planning an escape route in the case of a fire and shutting all doors at night as this prevents the spread of fire."

Inspector Andy Crook, from Dorset Police, said the actions of the Robinson family could only be described as heroic and without the quick-thinking and positive actions performed by Matthew, Jacqui and Roy, there would have almost certainly been a more serious, if not a fatal, consequence.

New take on old nursery rhyme

Review by
Tom Glover

AUDIENCES at the Chideock Players Christmas Pantomime were left mesmerised by the talented cast's take on an old nursery rhyme.

The show, written by Moira Lucas, developed an excellent story from the classic nursery rhyme 'Old Mother Hubbard'.

The show had everything you would hope from a pantomime with its dame, Paul Evans (Old Mother Hubbard), to its villain, Nick Baker (The Great Mesmero).

There was the classic tale of star-crossed lovers played by Aiden Simpson (Tom Hubbard) and Alyssa West (Ashley Laura) and a dramatic

happy-ever-after twist at the end.

The stars of the show were Old Mother Hubbard's two daughters Dulcie (Natalie Williams) and Cabana (Catherine Batten) and their lovesick admirer Jobsworth (Pete Moores).

All three provided some great comedy moments and led the audience participation.

There were also great performances from the supporting cast with Chris Lambert always drawing a laugh in his brief appearances as Davido Loco.

The future of the group looks promising as well, with a talented group of children in the chorus.

Ryan Williams stood out playing the young Tom Hubbard.

The show was a memorial to the group's popular former member Mary Anne Rimer who passed away in September.

After the show the group presented its annual 'Maggie' awards - in memory of another former member lost to cancer, Maggie Imber.

The joint winners this year were Natalie Williams and Catherine Batten for their portrayal of Old Mother Hubbard's daughters.



MAGIC MAN: The Great Mesmero with his family and debt collector Jobsworth



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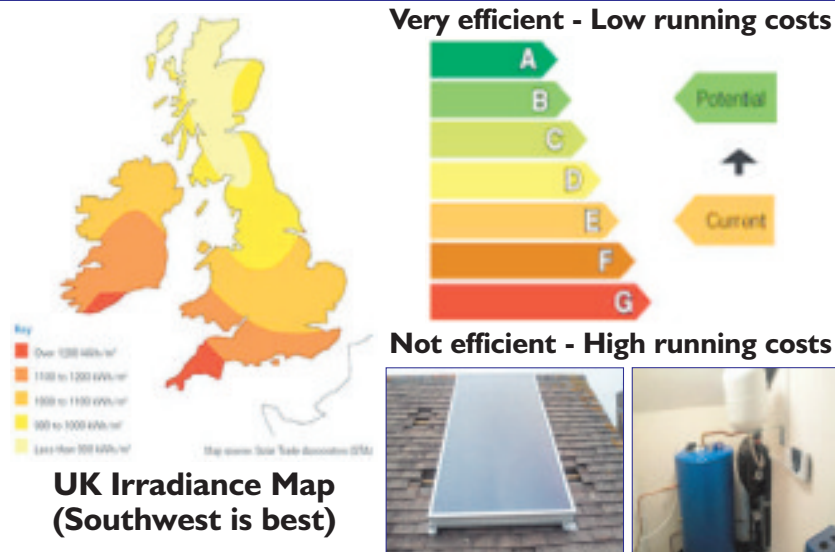
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These days the property offers very attractive and spacious accommodation comprising of 4 large bedrooms on the first floor with a fifth room having been converted to a spacious bathroom with twin basins, walk-in shower unit, wc and bath. On the ground floor is a good sized lounge with Hamstone fireplace, beautiful bespoke kitchen with Aga open to an adjoining dining room, and utility room.

To the rear of the property a former skittle alley and adjoining barn have been converted to provide further accommodation comprising garden room, bedroom 5 or office and bathroom, offering space for a dependent relative or use as a home office. There is parking available to the front and a courtyard to the rear with open fronted shed and storage area.

This is a property offering spacious internal accommodation with a small outside space which could be ideal for anyone who does not want the burden of a garden or it could make a good letting or holiday letting investment with plenty of walks nearby and the beautiful Forde Abbey and Gardens within a mile. For more information or to book a viewing, please call Gordon and Rumsby on 01460 30888 or 01297 553768 or visit www.gordonandrumsby.co.uk.



Country style home in Rousdon with potential



SITUATED in the East Devon village of Rousdon close to the historic and popular coastal town of Lyme Regis this individual detached residence was constructed to a high standard for the present owners in 2002.

The spacious accommodation, in particular the ground floor has potential to create a self contained annexe or to use the two ground floor, en-suite bedrooms for bed and breakfast. In addition the accommodation also comprises country style kitchen/breakfast room, dining hall, large living room and uPVC double glazed conservatory overlooking the rear garden. On the first floor there is the master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms and family bathroom with sauna. Externally a gravelled driveway provides parking and in turn leads to a large detached double garage. There are formal landscaped gardens, extensive sunny patio, vegetable garden and adjoining paddock of approximately 3.75 acres.

The property is on the market for £745,000 and should be viewed to fully appreciate this accommodation and location. For more information or to book an appointment for a viewing please call Fortnam Smith & Banwell (Lyme Regis office) on 01297 445666 or visit www.fsb4homes.com



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ROUSDON - £450,000



- Substantial Barn Conversion
- Small Settlement in Semi-Rural Location
- Lounge, Dining Room, Sun Room
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- Utility Room, Study, Large Hall
- Four Bedrooms, Mstr En Suite
- Parking, Carport, Workshop

WINSHAM - £365,000



- Substantial Grade II Listed House
- Central Village Location
- 4-5 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
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- Courtyard Garden

BRIDPORT - GUIDE PRICE £400,000



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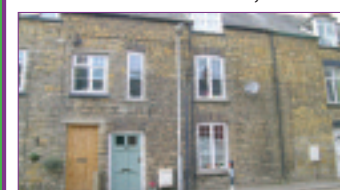
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BRIDPORT - £240,000



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AXMINSTER - £148,000



- Two Bedroom End Terrace House
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ROUSDON - £685,000



- Reception hall
- Drawing room
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- Cloakroom
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- Far reaching views

UPLYME - £245,000



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LYME REGIS - £650,000



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UPLYME - £185,000



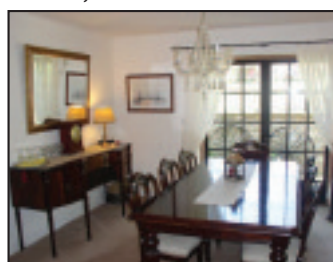
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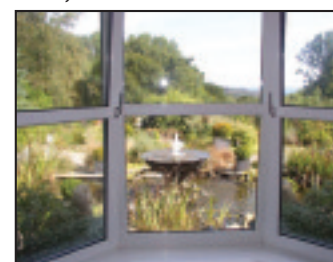
- Individual detached property
- Recently extended
- Spacious & flexible accommodation
- Surrounded by large & level gardens
- Living room with multi fuel stove
- Study & conservatory
- Two downstairs bedrooms (1 en-suite)
- Three first floor bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Detached single garage
- Ample driveway parking
- Walking distance to local amenities

LYME REGIS - £575,000



- Entrance hallway
- Cloakroom
- Study
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen/ breakfast room
- Utility room
- Master bedroom
- Four further bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Double garage
- Gardens

UPLYME - £675,000



- Entrance Hall
- Drawing Room
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The NAEA meet weekly with government officials and have suggested licensing for estate agents but the government does not want to instigate this. Therefore, the NAEA has taken the lead and is introducing licensing for all its member agents. There will be a requirement for all NAEA agents to continue on-going training and development in order to maintain their membership. The NAEA also holds monthly meetings in each county which we try to attend. We will continue to strive to improve and maintain high standards so that our customers will continue to recommend our services to their friends and relatives.

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MONDAY JANUARY 25TH

BRIDPORT: Illustrated Talk: 'Beyond Old Harry' by speaker Rod Lawrence. This talk follows on from a previous talk 'Ecology of the Jurassic Coast'. Presented by the Golden Cap Centre of the National Trust. At Bridport United Church Hall, East Street from 2.30pm. Non-members welcome. Telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

TUESDAY JANUARY 26TH

BEAMINSTER: Illustrated Talk: 'Smuggling Tales & Trails' by speaker Rob Curtis. At Beaminster Museum, Whitcombe Road from 3.30pm. All welcome. Telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

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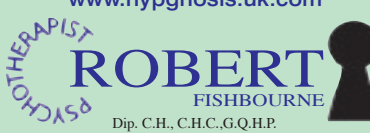


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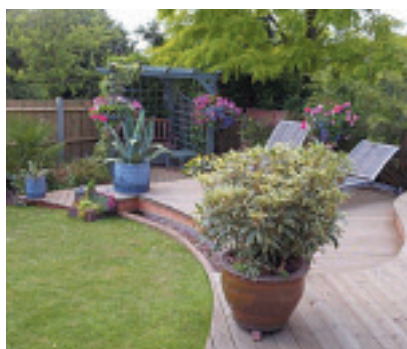
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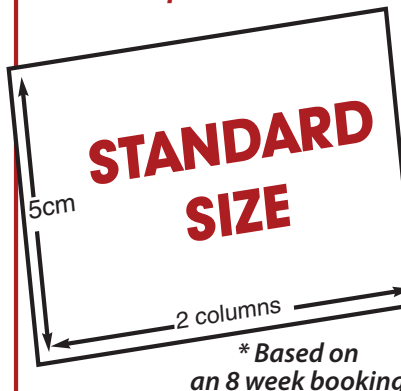
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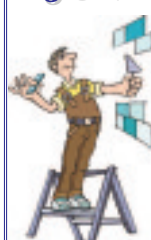
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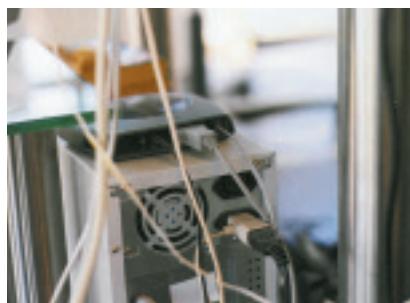
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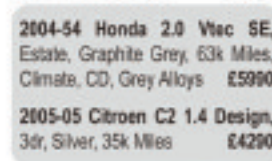
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DIVISION ONE CUP FINAL

Ilminster Town Colts P Netherbury P
LEAGUE Chairman Jim Jowatt was
due to don his referee's kit for this
Final at Thorncombe's Horseshoe
Lane.

However a pre-match pitch inspection
failed to convince Jowatt that the
pitch, and in particular the goal-
mouths, had thawed sufficiently for
play to commence at 2pm.

Both teams were disappointed by
the decision, but Jowatt was clearly
concerned for the players' safety and
the game was postponed. The match
will almost certainly be rescheduled
for the end of the season.

SEASON SUMMARY:

AS the season reaches its half-way
point - here's a brief summary of how
things stand, along with what might
happen (assuming two are promoted
and two relegated).

PREMIER DIVISION:

THE title looks destined for either
South Petherton, Beaminster or Lyme
Regis.

All three have lost just once but
Pethy, having been in this position so
often appear to be slight favourites.
But with all six 'top of the table'
clashes still to be played it's refresh-
ingly the most wide open title races
for many years.

Cup form gives little away; Beamin-
ster beat Lyme in the Chard Hospital
Cup but were beaten by Petherton in
Final. Whilst Lyme may feel they've re-
gained some ground by beating
Pethy 4-0 in Boxing Day's Coronation
Cup Final.

Charmouth, at the very start of a re-
building programme, will be one of
the teams to be relegated. At this
stage the Robins look likely to be ac-
companied by White Horse or even
reigning Champions Crewkerne Town
in the drop into Division One.

But Merriott Rovers, Perry Street
and Misterton will continue to glance
downwards warily.

Premier Division	PWD L F A Pts
Beaminster	9 8 0 1 44 8 24
South Petherton	8 7 0 1 41 6 21
Lyme Regis	7 6 0 1 22 9 18
Barrington	9 5 2 2 21 17 13
Ilminster Town Res	9 4 1 4 23 16 13
Combe Reserves	8 4 1 3 19 16 13
Perry Street	9 4 1 4 21 33 13
Misterton	9 3 3 1 27 10 12
Merriott Rovers	7 3 0 4 18 23 9
Crewkerne	10 2 0 8 20 33 6

White Horse	7 1 0 6 10 21 3
Charmouth	10 0 0 10 13 63 0

DIVISION ONE:

UNBEATEN West & Middle Chinnock
are favourites for the step-up in May
although Forton Rangers, Farway
United or Netherbury could mount a
title challenge.

Puzzlingly Merriott Reserves look
well-equipped to give their first team
a decent match!

The bottom two spots look to be a
battle between Pymore, Chard
Rangers, Perry Street Reserves or
Lyme Regis Reserves.

Division One	PWD L F A Pts
Merriott Reserves	7 6 0 1 19 10 18
W & M Chinnock	6 5 1 0 30 13 16
Farway United	8 4 3 1 17 10 15
Forton Rangers	6 4 1 1 12 8 13
Ilminster Colts	6 2 3 1 16 15 9
Netherbury	4 2 2 0 13 7 8
Thorncombe	8 2 1 5 17 17 7
Winsham United	7 2 1 4 15 17 7
Chard Rangers	8 2 1 5 14 28 7
Lyme Regis Reserves	6 1 1 4 12 22 4
Pymore	5 0 2 3 6 14 2
Perry Street Reserves	7 0 2 5 14 24 2

DIVISION TWO:

IT'S difficult to look beyond Millway
Rise and Norton Athletic for the two
promotion places.

Although Shepton's miserly defence
and Dowlish & Donyatt's fire-power
could see the two teams emerge.

The relegation battle is already de-
veloping with Chard United, Uplyme,
Drimpton and maybe South Pether-
ton Reserves facing the challenge of
beating the drop.

Division Two	PWD L F A Pts
Millway Rise	10 9 1 0 30 13 28
Norton Athletic	9 7 0 2 35 17 21
Dowlish & Donyatt	10 4 1 5 30 32 13
Beaminster Reserves	7 4 0 3 14 15 12
Hinton St George	10 3 2 5 25 22 11
Shepton Beauchamp	6 3 1 2 16 7 10
Forton Rangers Res	8 2 3 3 12 16 9
South Petherton Res	8 2 2 4 19 19 8
Drimpton	8 2 1 5 18 27 7
Chard United	7 2 0 5 12 30 6
Uplyme	7 1 1 5 10 23 4

DIVISION THREE

IT was a similar story in Division Three
with free-scoring Hawkchurch and
Crewkerne Rangers benefitting from
having top-strikers Tim Hussey and
Simon Denslow amongst their ranks.

But Misterton Reserves have gate-
crashed the party with a stunning 5-

0 win at Hawkchurch three weeks ago
and Fivehead United could still have
a big say.

At the other end of the table Chard
Rangers Reserves appear to be al-
ready resigned to a drop back into Di-
vision Four after what will be a brief
two-season foray into Division Three
waters.

Who will join Rangers? well you can
take you pick from any one of six
teams separated by just one point.

Division Three	PWD L F A Pts
Hawkchurch	10 8 0 2 41 24 24
Misterton Reserves	9 6 1 2 30 20 19
Crewkerne Rangers	8 6 0 2 36 12 18
Fivehead United	7 4 1 2 17 16 13
Millway Rise Res	10 4 0 6 21 26 12
Combe A	8 3 1 4 14 18 10
White Horse Res	7 3 1 3 14 18 10
Lyme Bantams*	9 4 0 5 26 21 9
Crewkerne Reserves	6 3 0 3 17 16 9
Luso-Chard	7 3 0 4 20 20 9
Shepton Beau Res	9 3 0 6 21 35 9
Chard Rangers Res	10 1 0 9 11 42 3

DIVISION FOUR

LEAGUE leaders Winsham United
United are the form team having
picked up recently collected 13 points
from their last five matches.

But unbeaten Farway United Re-
serves have played just one League
match since October and will still feel
they can lift the title.

Ilminster A, Hinton St George Re-
serves and new-boys Waytown
Hounds could all feature in the run-in
to the title.

Division Four	PWD L F A Pts
Winsham United Res	11 7 3 1 43 27 24
Farway United Res	8 5 3 0 26 12 18
Ilminster Town A	7 5 1 1 22 12 16
Waytown Hounds	8 5 0 3 36 19 15
Hinton St George Res	9 4 3 2 22 15 15
Chard United Res	8 4 1 3 22 18 13
Barrington Reserves	7 3 1 3 20 19 10
Thorncombe Res	8 2 1 5 15 25 7
Combe B	10 2 0 8 29 35 6
Hawkchurch Res	9 1 2 6 14 29 5
Charmouth Reserves*	9 1 1 7 9 47 3

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP

THE FA cup of the Perry Street League
produced a shock last season when
Division Two side Millway Rise upset
the form book to lift the trophy for
the first time in their history.

Millway are one of eight teams from
outside of Division One still left in the
competition.

Last 16 draw: South Petherton Re-
serves v Millway Rise or Hawkchurch,
Hinton St George v Lyme Regis Re-
serves, Ilminster Town Colts v Farway
United, Winsham United v Norton
Athletic or Luso-Chard, West & Middle
Chinnock v Perry Street Reserves,
Netherbury v Crewkerne Rangers, Py-
more v Thorncombe, Forton Rangers
v Crewkerne Town Reserves or
Beaminster Reserves.

CORONATION CUP

WINNERS: Lyme Regis 4 (Joe Bond
(2), Adam Caddy, Dave Robinson)
South Petherton 0.

DIVISION ONE CUP

FINAL: Netherbury v Ilminster Town
Colts (at Thorncombe, Postponed last
Saturday - new date TBA).

This should be an open game with
both sides in-form and scoring heav-
ily.

CHARD HOSPITAL CUP:

WINNERS: South Petherton 2 (Rich
Hebditch, George Warr) Beaminster 1
(Sam Crocker).

REG EGLON CUP:

THERE will be a new name on the Mis-
terton-based Reg Egdon Cup. Semi-fi-
nals line-up: Thorncombe Reserves v
Farway United Reserves and Way-
town Hounds v Chard United Re-
serves.

TOMMY TABBERER CUP

MILLWEY Rise, Dowlish & Donyatt and
Shepton Beauchamp are the three
teams currently through to the quar-
ter-finals.

JOHN FOWLER CUP

FINAL: Crewkerne Town Reserves v
Crewkerne Rangers.

Crewkerne Town Reserves will be
underdogs when they take on neigh-
bours Rangers.

The Tigers were beaten 3-0 in the
semi-final by Shepton Beauchamp
Reserves but earned their place by
default after Shepton fielded an in-
eligible player (Sam Murley).

BILL BAILEY CUP

EARLY stages, with Luso-Chard the
current holders.

REG EGLON CUP

QUARTER-FINALS: Farway United
Reserves v Barrington Reserves, Hin-
ton Reserves v Winsham United Re-
serves, Ilminster Town A v Waytown



FINAL NO GO: Andy Loudon's
Netherbury await new Final date



TOUGH TIMES: Matt Tither's Py-
more could face relegation battle



TOP MARKSMAN: Josh Hunter
heads the Division Two strikers

Hounds, Thorncombe Reserves v
Chard United Reserves.

CHALLENGE CUP

CREWKERNE Town, Lyme Regis, Perry
Street and Ilminster Town Reserves
are all through to the last eight.
Combe Reserves are the current hold-
ers

JACK VENN CUP

QUARTER-FINALS: South Petherton
Reserves v Drimpton, Forton Rangers
Reserves v Dowlish & Donyatt, Mil-
lway Rise v Norton Athletic, Shepton
Beauchamp v Hinton St George.

ARTHUR GAGE CUP

QUARTER-FINALS: Lyme Regis Re-
serves or Farway United v Ilminster
Town Colts, Perry Street Reserves v
Winsham United, Thorncombe v
Netherbury, Westw & Middle Chin-
nock v Pymore.

SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP

SOUTH Petherton and Misterton are
through to the last 16 of the Junior
Cup.

Unfortunately the pair have been
drawn against each other with a place
in the quart-finals at stake.

TOP SCORERS (10 or more)

PREMIER: Rich Hebditch (South
Petherton) 23, Jodie Bovey (South
Petherton) 18, Murray Legg (Beamin-
ster) 14, Tristan Gale (Beaminster) 13,
Kris Groves (Perry Street) 12, Joe Bond
(Lyme Regis) 12, John Hayter (south
Petherton) 11, Adam Gale (Beamin-
ster) 10.

DIVISION ONE: Ian Masters (West &
Middle Chinnock) 18, Phil Hussey
(Netherbury) 17, Adam Cody-Boucher
(Pymore) 10, Dan Vining (Ilminster
Town Colts) 10.

DIVISION TWO: Josh Hunter
(Beaminster Reserves) 12, Sam Murley
(Shepton Beauchamp) 12.

DIVISION THREE: Simon Denslow
(Crewkerne Rangers) 25, Tim Hussey
(Hawkchurch) 20, Marco Quedas
(Luso-Chard) 13, Glenn Harding
(Hawkchurch) 10.

DIVISION FOUR: Dan O'Connor
(Combe B) 13, Matt Read (Waytown
Hounds) 13, Chris Legg (Farway
United Reserves) 13, Ricky Anderson
(Chard United Reserves) 11, Tom Rut-
land (Waytown Hounds) 10, Richard

White (Winsham United Reserves) 10.

FIXTURES

Saturday, January 9th
Dorset Intermediate Cup
Round 3 Replay (1.15pm)
Allendale v Beaminster

Somerset Junior Cup

Round 4 (1.45pm)
South Petherton v Misterton

Somerset Intermediate Cup

Round 3 (1.45pm)
Draycott v Ilminster Town Colts
Merriott Res v Bridgewater Sports
Odcombe v Forton Rangers

All fixtures below kick off at 2.00pm

Challenge Cup Round 1
Combe Reserves v Merriott Rovers

Arthur Gage Cup Round 1

Lyme Regis Res v Farway United

Tommy Tabberer Cup Round 1

Beaminster Reserves v Uplyme

Jack Venn Cup Round 2

Forton Reserves v Dowlish & Donyatt
Millway Rise v Norton Athletic

Bill Bailey Cup Round 1

Hawkchurch v Crewkerne Reserves
Lyme Regis Bantams v Combe A
Shepton Res v Millway Rise Reserves

Premier Division

Crewkerne v Lyme Regis
Perry Street v Charmouth
White Horse v Ilminster Reserves

Division One

Chard Rangers v Netherbury
Thorncombe v Perry Street Reserves
Winsham United v Pymore

Division Two

Chard United v Shepton Beauchamp
Drimpton v South Petherton Reserves

Division Three

Crewkerne Rangers v White Horse Res
Luso-Chard v Chard Rangers Reserves
Misterton Reserves v Fivehead United

Division Four

Charmouth Res v Barrington Reserves
Combe B v Chard United Reserves
Farway United Res v Hinton Reserves
Ilminster Town A v Winsham Utd Res
Waytown Hnds v Hawkchurch Res

BRIDPORT TABLE SKITTLES

Jesters and 'Clock clear at the top

DIVISION A	Pld	W	Pts	Beer	Upstairs	Downstairs	Pld	W	Pts	Beer
Jesters	10	9	44	9	Mucking Fuddlers	10	5	24	8	
Second Hand Clock	10	9	44	9	Five Alive	10	4	23	7	
Chillheads	10	6	30	5	Consorts	10	3	20	6	
Eye of the Tiger	9	7	27	6	Crown Spares	10	2	18	3	
Sallys Mustangs	10	4	23	4	George Gormets	10	3	17	3	
Whats the Odds	10	4	22	10						
No Hoppers	10	4	22	4						
Crown A	7	5	21	1						
Oak A Nuts	9	3	19	2						
Crossshots	10	4	15	3						
Classics	10	2	15	5						
Simpsons	9	3	12	2						

DIVISION B

DIVISION B	Pld	W	Pts	Beer
Kens Pix	9	7	31	3
Freds Heroes	10	6	31	6
Five of Clubs	10	6	28	5
Baggies Boys	10	7	27	6
Slingers	10	6	27	3
Fishermans Friends	10	5	25	5

Swimmers retain Premiership status

LOCALLY-BASED competitors formed part
of the Chard and District Swimming Club which
maintained it's Premier League Status for the sec-
ond year running, holding their own whilst com-
peting against many top performance clubs of the
Western region, writes **Steph Hallam**.

There were notable performances in all three
rounds of the league, with a tremendous effort and
a real team spirit. Swimmers and spectators from
the club were congratulated by officials' on their
impeccable poolside behaviour and infinite sports-
manship.

The B Final was held at Barry, South Wales, on
Saturday 12th December 2009 with Chard accumu-
lating a total of 116 points finishing in fifth po-
sition with City of Newport pipping them to fourth
with 122 points. Norfio Sir Gar secured a third
place with 166 points, West Wilts Force Five sec-
ond with 168 and Swim Swansea claiming first po-
sition with 171 points.

Jake Hallam; 13, had a very successful day. He
was top performer with two individual wins in the
100m Butterfly which was a 14yrs and under
club record in a time of 1:05.67 and in the 100m
Freestyle event. He was also a member of the
13yrs and under relay team alongside **Ben Fowler**,
Daniel Walker and **Huw Khan-Davies**. Their

team won the 4 x 50m Medley relay and the 4 x
50m Freestyle relay - a great team effort.

With **Daniel Walker; 12**, also winning the 13yrs
and under 100m Breaststroke event, the boys
amassed an impressive 29 out of 30 points for the
day and should be congratulated for their efforts.

There were also some successful second po-
sitions from **Oliver Bilbie; 11**, in the 50m Back-
stroke, **Elsie Emery; 11**, 50m Butterfly, **Tessa
Down; 12**, 100m Breaststroke, **Ben Fowler; 13**,
100m Backstroke, **Madeline Ryder; 14**, 100m
Freestyle, **Rebecca Bennett; 17**, 100m Breast-
stroke, **Chris Harrison; 17**, 100m Freestyle, with
some of these swimmers narrowly missing out on
wins.

Thirds were obtained by **Jamie Pullinger; 11**,
50m Butterfly, **Chloe Bryant; 11**, 50m Back-
stroke. Also, **Madeline Ryder; 14**, in the Open
100m Freestyle and **Daniel Walker; 12**, in the 15
yrs and under 100m Breaststroke event. **Jodie
Hake, Jess Mathieson, Abigail Dare and Tessa
Down** in the girls 13yrs and under 4 x 50m Med-
ley relay team.

There were also some great personal bests from
Daniel Andrews; 14, and **James Rutherford; 15**,
on this occasion, both swimming in the 16 years
and over (Open) age group.

Once again the club would like to thank John and
Pam Farrant, June Turner, Roger Welch, Amy
Rodger, the officials and all poolside helpers for
their continued support and to the open swimmers
Matthew Clay, Max Gosden, Mark Spiller, James
Moore and Holly Lawrence who displayed loyalty
in returning to the Club to compete and swim for
the team.

Full squad members were: Chloe Bryant, Lauren
van den Barselaar, Marsha and Elsie Emery, Lewis
Pearson, Iain Ross, Jamie Pullinger, Oliver Bilbie,
Lauren Harrison, Abigail Dare, Tessa Down, Jes-
sica Mathieson, Jodie Hake, Daniel Walker, Ben
Fowler, Huw Khan-Davies, Jake Hallam, Tarina
Francis, Hannah Pullinger, Madeline Ryder, Lydia
Riches, Luke van den Barselaar, Daniel Andrews,
James Rutherford, Adam Bristow, Laura Combes,
Beckie Rutherford, Catherine Ryder, Saskia Os-
borne, Rebecca Bennett, Emily Wilson, Lucy
Down, Jack Bradford, Chris Harrison, Max Gos-
den, James Moore and Mark Spiller.

◆ *Are you interested in competitive swimming?
Why not try Chard and District Swimming Club -
we offer a varied training programme at Axminster,
Chard, and Crewkerne and for selected squad
members at Millfield Pool in Street, from the age
of eight to open age groups.*

TERRAS HOLD THE ASCENDANCY

WEYMOUTH 2 DORCHESTER TOWN 0

Blue Square South. Attendance: 2,392
A FESTIVE gift of four points from neighbours Dorchester Town made it a Merry Christmas and a happy new year for Weymouth.

And a Terras side that looked doomed to relegation from the Blue Square South just weeks ago now appear to have the momentum and appetite for a great escape.

Boxing Day's clash between the two sides is best forgotten. The Jewson Stadium show-down failed to live up to expectations although Ian Hutchinson will have been the happier of the two managers following a drab goal less draw.

New Year's Day was a different kettle of fish with Weymouth turning in an excellent display to see off their arch rivals at the View From Stadium.

Goals from, Pierre Joseph-Dubois and Scott Bennett did the damage in front of a crowd of 2,392, with the Terras now just five points from safety.

The View From Stadium contest began in cagey fashion as both sets of players sussed each other out during the opening exchanges. Chances were at premium early on although Mark Jermyn did go close for the Magpies while Pierre Joseph-Dubois was denied a great opportunity by the linesman's flag.

Weymouth slowly began to get on top and Hutchinson's men enjoyed a sustained spell of pressure midway through the half.

During that period, Dorchester goalkeeper Regan Coward pulled off a fine save to keep Joseph-Dubois at bay while Josh Llewellyn went close with a header and Stephen Reed had a long range effort saved.

Meanwhile the Magpies barely ventured forward although Steve Devlin wasn't far away with a shot on the turn following a rare attack by the visitors.

The Terras finally got the goal they deserved in the 35th minute. Jamie McGuinness supplied a great cross from the right with Joseph-Dubois netting from cross range with Coward stranded.

Dorchester caretaker boss rang the changes just before and then during the break, taking himself off and then Neil Martin with Gary Bowles and Matt Groves coming into the action.

The switches seemed to work with the Magpies starting the second half strongly but despite working his way into good shooting positions on three occasions, Devlin failed to get that all-important equaliser.

And the striker then came within a whisker of levelling the game when he nodded a Ryan Hill centre past Ryan Harrison in the home goal but his effort came back off the post.

Having survived those scares, the Terras then doubled their advantage on 59 minutes.

An in-swinging corner from Chris Allen was met superbly by Bennett and his header powered past Coward to the delight of the home fans.

The Magpies went all out to get themselves back in the contest after that but again they could find no way past Harrison.

Ex-Terra Nick Crittenden, Hill and Groves all wasted decent openings while Phil Walsh, playing his last game before a move to Dagenham and Redbridge, headed tamely over the bar.

But as the game wore on, Dorchester began

to run out of ideas while Weymouth were happy to defend their two-goal lead. And after the huff and puff of the first 70 minutes, there was little in the way of entertainment late on.

Not that that will have bothered Hutchinson, his players or Terras fans who celebrated at the final whistle in the manner expected from a side who'd just put one over their biggest enemies.

Terras: Harrison, McGuinness, Slocombe, Reed, Brice, Bennett, Groves, Allen, Llewellyn (Harris 88), Joseph-Dubois (Foster 90+2), Radcliffe (Dixon 85).

Subs not used: Frampton, Neish.

Magpies: Coward, Hill (Emati-Emati 83), Martin (Groves 46), Selley, Walsh, Vickers (Bowles 37), Jermyn, Critchell, Moss, Crittenden, Devlin.

Subs not used: Walker, Filkins.

LYME REGIS GOLF NEWS

35 HARDY SOULS

BRAVE THE CONDITIONS

WITH the earliest participants teeing-off as soon as the course opened at 8am and with the air temperature registering at minus 4 Celsius, it was hardly surprising that the January senior (over 60) stableford competition held on Monday, January 4th was played with a much depleted field.

In all 35 competitors muffled up to brave the elements and frozen fairways and greens which made the golf interesting to say the least. However, some participants managed to overcome the difficult conditions to record some excellent scores.

Derek Wenn in particular in winning Division One recorded a score of 40 points which would have been more

than respectable in even ideal conditions. In second place, narrowly beating John Toates on countback was Brian Ridley with 35 points.

In Division Two the winner, with a net even par 36 points, was Barrie Castle with Barry Carter second on 34 points narrowly beating Graham Winter on count back.

Whilst the conditions made the bounce and run of the ball somewhat unpredictable it is to the immense credit of head greenkeeper David Everett and his staff that the course was open at all for the event to take place and all players express their gratitude to him for his efforts during the recent harsh weather.

GAIT AND STOCKWELL MAKE IT A FAMILY AFFAIR

The Monthly Medal, played on Sunday, January 3rd saw brothers-in-Law Jim Gait and Ed Stockwell take first and third places in Division One with net scores of 72 and 73 respectively.

In second place on countback was John Coley with the lowest gross score of the day of 81. Despite the cold wind and hard ground conditions John played a characteristic steady round of golf to record a net 73.

In the Second Division Graham (Doc) Patterson, playing off 19, scored the lowest gross in the division to record a net 70 to take first place. In second place with a net 73 and a handicap of 22 was Richard Lawrence.

Third place in the Division was filled by Les (out of) Bounds the club electrician who played with sufficient spark to score a net 74 playing off a handicap of 17.

WEST DORSET SWIMMING

WEST Dorset Swimming Club rounded off another successful season by hosting the last round of the National Arena Swimming League 2009 and the club's annual Open Meet at Bridport Leisure Centre.

The highlight of the league meeting was a superb display in the 6 x 50m Freestyle Relay where club captain Kim Roberts, Liv Thornton, Lauren Podger, Jess Northcote as anchor and Charlene Riglar and former club captain and international university swimmer Laura Bale.

Riglar, 25 years old, still retains the club record for the 50m freestyle for the 13 years age group, and despite becoming a new mum last year she knocked out a fantastic time as she and Bale led the team with a killer instinct that won the race.

Pleasantly surprised and relieved to be safe from the relegation zone for the final round, the Dorchester-based outfit still had its work cut out as it played host to Blenau Gwent, Bristol Henleaze, Poole Swimming Club and Weston Super Mare.

Northcote was outstanding throughout the evening with a heavy workload. Colin Cracknell, Main Squad Coach said: "Jess was consistent throughout and kept producing fast freestyle times over and over. She's proved her worth and is a highly valuable member of the team."

Also outstanding was Peter Thornton who won the 13 years and under 50m butterfly and backstroke and the 15 years and under 100m backstroke. In the latter two events the talented youngster broke club records to add to his growing tally. Meanwhile James Dawson pulled off a hard fought finish in the Men's 100m freestyle to clinch first place by a whisker.

Another win was chalked up by Livvie Freeman in the girls' 13 years and under 50m freestyle. Cracknell added: "Livvie has got such an effortless and graceful style and if she wants it enough she is capable of having a great swimming future. Livvie has great potential."



◆ **RELAY SUCCESS:** From left: Jess Northcote, Liv Thornton, Kim Roberts, Charlene Riglar, Laura Bale and Lauren Podger

RIDLEY HELPS PLAN ROGERS' SPECIAL DAY

Tivvy boss off to learn from the Master

MANCHESTER United manager Sir Alex Ferguson will help Tiverton Town boss Martyn Rogers celebrate his 1,000th game in charge of the Yellows next month.

The legendary Red Devils chief has invited his long-serving Ladysmead counterpart to spend the day with him at the Premier League champions' Carrington training ground this Friday, after discovering former Weymouth star Rogers was about to reach the landmark.

The meeting was arranged to take place the day before the Tivvy boss was due to take charge of the milestone match at home to Nuneaton Town, but the postponement of the Boxing Day clash with Truro City due to a frozen Ladysmead pitch means Rogers is now scheduled to oversee his 1,000 game at Yate Town in the Southern League Cup next Tuesday.

But Rogers says that has not taken the gloss off the invitation to meet with Ferguson, which he says will be a huge

honour.

"It is fantastic news. Sir Alex is the only current manager to have reached the same milestone in the professional game, so it will be nice to meet him and celebrate my 1,000th game," Rogers said.

"I will probably take a bottle of red wine with me, but it will have to be a good one."

"I'm meeting him at 9am and I don't know what is in store, but whatever it is it would be nice to watch the first team in training."

Former Weymouth chairman and Observer sports writer Ian Ridley helped set up the trip.

Rogers has remained in touch with the journalist since Ridley interviewed him for the Terras' managerial position a few years ago, and once Ridley discovered the Yellows chief was on the verge of reaching his 1,000th game, he got in contact with Manchester United to arrange the meeting.

WEYMOUTH SPEEDWAY

WILDCATS REV UP FOR NEXT SEASON

CHRISTMAS shopping took on a new meaning for Wildcats boss Phil Bartlett.

While the rest of the world was buying up perfume and DVDs, the Wildcats supreme was busy snapping up speedway riders.

Bartlett's double festive swoop sees Tom Brown and Byron Bekker arrive at the Wessex Stadium.

And the purchases come as a big boost to Weymouth fans who have recently seen James White-Williams and Tim Webster depart for Newport while Jon Armstrong appears to be a non-starter in 2010 due to work commitments.

Brown is no stranger to the resort club. The popular Welshman, who rode for Isle of Wight and Somerset last term, helped the Wildcats win the Knockout Cup in 2005 and is regarded as one of most entertaining riders to have turned out in Weymouth colours.

Not only is he a big hit with supporters, he's also a popular figure in the pits and is always on hand to offer help and advice to the youngsters.

Bekker meanwhile is expected to take the vacant number one spot after joining from National league rivals Scunthorpe. He also turned out for Edinburgh during 2009 in the Premier League.

His signing will be seen as a huge statement in the sport and evidence that the Wildcats are serious about going for glory this coming summer.

Bartlett said: "I'm delighted to have both lads on board. Tom needs no introduction and I know the fans will be pleased to see him back."

"He offers so much in so many different ways. He's good with the fans and with his team mates and he will score plenty of points."

"The sport needs entertainers and Tom is certainly one of them."

He added: "Byron is a rider I've long admired and so I see his capture as a real coup."

"If people doubted how serious we are at Weymouth then they just have to look at these two signings for an answer."

Bartlett said talks with a fifth rider, to join Bekker, Brown, James Cockle and Terry Day, are at an 'advanced' stage but the club is still searching for two reserves.

He added: "We have been talking to a rider and we are hoping to announce something very soon."

"As for the reserves, we're looking at a few boys who have been attending our training sessions and so again, hopefully we'll have more news in the near future."

BRIDPORT TENNIS CLUB

HAT-TRICK FOR DAN

THE 2009 tennis season has closed with a consecutive third win for Dan Dew in the Bridport Tennis Club Junior Tournament.

The format consists of twelve monthly singles and doubles events with the total percentages adding to a final score.

Fifteen-year-old Dan won in style with an impressive 819 well clear of the rest of the field.

Second place went to Connor

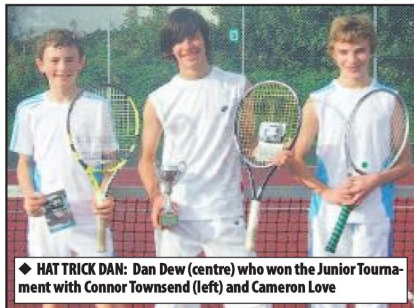
Townsend, who is one to watch for the future, with a score of 575, with Arthur Gay third on 559 just ahead of Cameron Love on 550.

The tournaments are open to members and non-members alike so if you are interested in getting involved in 2010 event contact Club Coach Alan Cash on 01308-425210 or e-mail alan-cash@uwclub.net

The closing club tournament of the

year was the Adult / Junior event with seven top juniors teaming up with adults for a doubles competition.

After a close round robin, Gerry Dudgeon and Alan Cash progressed to the final along with Sanjay Choudhury and Nat Bowditch for the juniors. In the final, Alan Cash won for the adults with Nat Bowditch winning by just two games to claim his first ever tournament victory.



◆ **HAT TRICK DAN:** Dan Dew (centre) who won the Junior Tournament with Connor Townsend (left) and Cameron Love



◆ **WINNERS:** From left Sanjay Choudhury, Nat Bowditch, Alan Cash, Gerry Dudgeon.

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

DARTS: DORSET qualifier Paul Carter caused the first big shock of the BDO World Professional Darts by dumping out Martin Atkins in the first round.

Debutant Carter, who sacrificed one of his kidneys to save his sister Donna's life, upset the number 10 seed in front of an army of his family and friends at the Lakeside.

Atkins missed several attempts at a double that would have taken the match into a fifth set before Carter sealed a 3-1 victory.

"It is unbelievable, I have just won my first game at The Lakeside!" said a

delighted Carter. "I was just having fun. It could be my only year here, so I am just going to enjoy it."

"Martin's a great player and I was expecting to get bashed 3-0. But he just kept missing and missing, and I shot out well."

Carter is due to meet Welsh captain Martin Phillips in the quarter-finals today (Wednesday). Phillips won the right to meet Carter by beating No 7 seed Dave Prins.

FOOTBALL: Dorset Premier League round-up
THE big freeze saw just one game

survive in the Dorset Premier League on Saturday.

That was at the Recreation Ground where Blandford United thrashed Cranborne 6-1.

The Royals took the lead in the 40th minute with a goal from Mark Ford while Jamie Filkin added two more in the 49th and 54th minutes.

Simon Hyde then weighed in with a hat trick on 57, 85 and 87 minutes with the Cranes consolation goal coming from the penalty spot in injury time.

WEST DORSET SPORT ROUND-UP

MIZZURKA ENDS YEAR ON A HIGH

DESPITE slightly disappointing runs from a couple of Bob Buckler's big names over the festive period, the stable ended the year on a high when **Mizzurka** took the two mile bumper race at Newbury last week.

The promising five-year-old bay mare out of Allfara and Miss Diskin has showed great promise in her first two outings and made it third time lucky with a comfortable half length victory.

Always near the front Nick Skelton brought her to challenge two furlongs out and took up the running in the final furlong to hold off 33/1 shot Eastern Clump.

"It was a good run, and she deserved victory. Newbury bumpers are quite a good standard; although she should have won her previous race at Chelstow in November," remarked Buckler.

She will now go for a listed bumper at Warwick on January 16th.

Buckler also confirmed that **Niche Market's** will now go for the John Smith Grand National at Aintree in April. The decision was taken after the Irish Grand National winner finished last of five to Carruthers in the mile Mandarin Graduation Chase at Newbury in ground too heavy for the eight-year-old.

"He ran well enough over the shorter distance in heavy ground which he doesn't like. Following the race owner Graham Regan and I agreed to give him his chance at Aintree where he should be well handicapped, and he will next run in the William Hill Handicap Chase at the Cheltenham Festival in March."

Plans for **The Sawyer** at the Christmas Kempton meeting backfired a bit. Buckler planned to use the three mile Williamhill.com handicap chase in preparation for The Victor Chandler Handicap Chase at Cheltenham on New Years Day, but unfortunately the horse knocked his leg during the race and pulled up lame at the finish, which whilst not serious meant he was not able to run.

It looked like **Double Dizzy** would give the stable a great start to 2010 when Double Dizzy took the lead in the 3 1/4 mile Cheltenham Annual Pony Club Raceday Handicap Chase on New Year's day approaching two fences from home.

Andrew Glassonbury had kept him well in touch, and when leader Gentle Ranger appeared to drop away he was left in front and had a three length lead jumping the last. However Sherwood's Folly found some speed to race by as did Gentle Ranger who found a second wind.

"He's a little bit of a monkey," admitted Buckler. The idea was to hold him up until the last and produce on the line as he tends to look around and idle when he is left out in front. To be fair when the others went past he rallied again nad ran on but it was too late."

Clyffe Hanger was left with too much to do by Nick Skelton in the Coral.co.uk Handicap Hurdle at Chelstow and could only finish a disappointing fifth.

"He was left with too much to do and when he hit the second last he lost any opportunity he had."

Three of Buckler's younger horses all

put in useful performances without pulling up any trees, but the experience will put them in good stead for the future.

Mrs Overall in her third race over hurdles jumped well in ground a bit too soft for her.

"She prefers good to soft ground and two miles is too short for her and they were too quick, but it was good experience and she will now have a rest before racing over three miles in the spring."

Double or Quit and **Winter Warmer** on their race track debuts also gave promising performances in bumpers at Taunton.

The former was held up by Nathan Sweeney and was making headway before losing his way slightly on the bend turning into the straight.

"It's typical of horses having their first run, that's what the bumpers are about to give them experience on a course. He was running on the outside and was probably shown to much daylight, but it was very encouraging," said Buckler.

Skelton held Winter Warmer up and started to make a move five furlongs from home but was hampered when Aerospace slipped on the bend which checked his run but ran on to finish seventh.

TAUNTON is staging 'come racing for a tenner' days on Thursdays, January 21 and March 4, when even that outlay will be offset by a Tote offer of a £10 voucher for tickets bought in advance. Bookings can be made online at outdoortickets.co.uk, and click on 'special offers'.

WEST BAY SEA ANGLING

Oliver is Jurassic champion

OLIVER Mears was crowned Jurassic League champion following the last junior fish of the season just before Christmas.

Despite only finishing third on the day, Oliver caught 2 kg 143g of fish over the season to take the title.

Nine juniors signed on to fish the last match of 2009 on a sunny but cold day and five managed to catch some fish which were flounder and

rockling.

After the match the presentation for the days match and the overall prize giving for the Jurassic League winners was held in the Salthouse thanks to the generosity of Tiny who hired the hall. 1st: Connor Hallett 117g legal weight, 2nd: Elliot Joy 59g legal weight, 3rd: Oliver Mears 49g legal weight.

Connor Hallett also picked up prizes for the heaviest round fish (a 66g bearded rockling) and the first fish caught. He and Jake Preston

also tied for most species (2) whilst Preston also caught the last fish and was voted the most festive hat, and with Craig Horton caught the heaviest flat fish, both reeling in 43g flounders. William Grant had the privilege of winning the wooden spoon. A date for your diaries: The first Saturday junior match of 2010 will be the Fred Tolley Memorial match on April 10th where any new juniors will be warmly welcomed.



◆JURASSIC CHAMP: Oliver Mears receives the Jurassic League trophy from President Fred Bowditch

RUGBY ROUND-UP

with Keith Jenkin

THE year 2010 started with more of a whimper than a bang, as far as local rugby was concerned, for, although Saturday last was left blank by the local leagues' fixture gods, many sides, having already lost games to the weather this season, were required to 'play catch up'.

DRIFTERS 18pts WEYMOUTH 6pts
WEYMOUTH travelled to take on the Drifters side in this semi-final of the Southern Counties Senior Vase competition; and returned, undone as much by home advantage and local knowledge as anything else.

Weymouth had both slope and slight breeze in their favour during the first period and enjoyed the lion's share of both possession and territory. They led 6-3 at the halfway stage, after Peplow had kicked two penalty goals against one by the home side. They were, perhaps, guilty of not turning possession and territory into points, quite as they should have done and in the second half it was a different story.

Now playing with both slope and breeze, Drifters came into their own and certainly made territory count. They scored two tries in the second 40 minutes, converted one of them and kicked a penalty goal for good measure as they stretched away to a place in the final.

It was not a particularly good day for the Weymouth club all round for their second side went down by 33-0 to a useful Wincanton side in a Dorset & Wilts League Division Three (South) encounter.

WIMBORNE 2nd 0 BRIDPORT 14pts
The pitch at Wimborne was judged to be just about playable for this catch-up league game, although in truth the performance had more than a hint of 'after the turkey and mince pies' about it.

Chances were missed by both sides as they appeared to go through the motions rather, and the game was 20 minutes old before the first score came. Bridport scored it, with back rower Tim Edwards getting over from close range after his side had gone through the phases as they worked their way deep into the home twenty two. Everitt kicked the conversion and this was the only score of a rather turgid first-half that ended ten minutes early, owing to a discrepancy in the referee's time keeping.

It was more of the same throughout the second period, with Bridport being the better side but not making it count on the scoreboard and always being vulnerable to the breakout.

In fact the score remained unchanged until the final minute. At that juncture Bridport turned over possession in midfield, centre Everitt broke and put full-back George Elliott clear. He ran to the posts to give place kicker Everitt a simple conversion. He duly obliged and Bridport would have returned thinking 'It's not now, but how many' for, in this instance, the end result justified the means.

Achieved while not at their best, this win was an important one for Bridport. It gives them a little breathing space at the top of the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South) and, importantly brings them up to date with their fixtures, something that several of their rivals are not.

PREVIEW
DORCHESTER, whose squad should be fresh after an elongated break, have what is on paper an easy introduction to 2010. They entertain IVEL BARBARIANS who lie very much in the bottom half of the Southern Counties (South) Division having not enjoyed over much success during the first half of their league campaign.

This game is something of a local Derby however and this, coupled with the fact that Dorchester came a bit of a cropper against another side in the lower reaches of the division, last time out, means that they really should avoid complacency. I do take them to win however, and with some comfort at that.

BRIDPORT too have a game that they should win with ease. They take on SALISBURY 2nd at the Brewery Field, a side who are at, or near, the bottom of the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South). They will not have happy memories of the encounter at Salisbury back in the autumn however, for they lost that one, having played badly.

They should certainly come out on top in this one, and by a considerable margin.

WEYMOUTH have, to my mind, the toughest task of the day when they take on second placed NORTH DORSET 2nd. Their opponents were beaten comfortably by Bridport in December however and do not appear to be firing on all cylinders at the moment. If Weymouth play to their capabilities and to their strengths, and watch their discipline, then they could well make home advantage count, and do Bridport a bit of a favour in the process.

As to the second sides, Bridport should return from the Wheat-sheaf Cabin Crew with a regulation win under their belts, while Dorchester seconds will probably have a rather more testing encounter at North Dorset 3rd. Weymouth seconds too, will have to play well if they are to return from Wimborne thirds with a 'W' in the results column.

FIXTURES 9th January - Bridport v Salisbury 2nd; Bridport 2nd v Wheat-sheaf Cabin Crew (away); Chard 2 v Weston Super Mare 3rd; Crewkerne v Bridgwater & Albion 3rd; Dorchester v Ivel Barbarians; Dorchester 2nd v North Dorset 3rd (away); Honiton v Bodmin; Honiton Colts v Tiverton Colts; Sidmouth v Newton Abbot (away); Sidmouth 2nd v Newton Abbot 2nd (home); Sidmouth 3rd v Newton Abbot 3rd (away); Sidmouth Colts v Newton Abbot Colts; Weymouth v North Dorset 2nd; Weymouth 2nd v Wimborne 3rd (away).

SUPERLEAGUE DARTS

BRIDPORT travelled to Boscombe with the Men looking for an elusive first win and the Ladies to continue their good start.

The Ladies started with three wins in the pairs to set up the singles. Wins for Helen Long (12.40), Jo Knight (11.93), Lady of the Match Liz Vowles (15.04), and Elaine Ingram (14.59) gave the girls a 7-2 win. The Men also started well winning three from four pairs, with Joe Carter notching a lovely 121 game shot in the first leg of the match.

The singles started with Joe Carter winning 3-2 with a 180 and a 105 game shot. Then came a win for Chris Backhouse on his debut including a 110 game shot and a stunning performance from Mark Munro with a 3-0 demolition (25.47 average) picking up the Man-of-the-Match award.

Finally it was then down to Ben Grainger with a fight-back from 0-2 down to win 3-2 and Ginge Collins winning 3-0 to bring home the win for the Men eight legs to four.

Bridport travel to Melcombe Regis on Saturday in confident mood. Bus leaves Axminster 6pm, Chideock 6.15pm, and Bridport 7pm.

Bridport Superleague also have a new web site so everyone can keep pace with stats and information on the Bridport Team and also news of competitions etc. Visit www.clockpremierleague.webs.com

Mens Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	180
Bere Regis.....	4	4	0	0	38	10	12	9
Christchurch.....	5	4	0	1	35	25	12	10
Blandford.....	4	4	0	0	32	16	12	7
Sherborne.....	5	3	1	1	31	29	10	11
DORCHESTER.....	4	2	2	0	30	18	8	3
WEYMOUTH.....	5	2	1	2	28	32	7	5
PORTLAND.....	4	2	1	1	27	21	7	3
Alderholt.....	4	2	1	1	25	23	7	6
Kinson.....	4	2	1	1	20	28	7	6
BRIDPORT.....	6	1	3	2	34	38	6	10
Poole.....	5	1	1	3	25	35	4	13
Wimborne.....	4	1	0	3	19	29	3	4
Bournemouth.....	6	0	2	4	31	41	2	8
Boscombe.....	5	0	1	4	23	37	1	10
Melcombe Regis.....	5	0	0	5	22	38	0	7

BRIDPORT SKITTLES LEAGUE

Division A	P	W	D	L	Pts
Slingers.....	9	6	0	3	12
Wanderers.....	6	6	0	0	12
Rockets.....	8	5	1	2	11
Rough Eight.....	8	4	0	4	8
Shipaced.....	5	4	0	1	8
Outsiders.....	8	3	0	5	6
The Masters.....	7	3	0	4	6
U Know The Blokes.....	7	3	0	4	6
Chimps.....	9	2	1	6	5
Nelson Nobblers.....	8	2	0	6	4
Rejects.....	7	2	0	5	4

Firemen.....	7	2	0	5	4
Mean Machine.....	8	2	0	6	4
Originals.....	8	2	0	6	4

Division B	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cupid Stunts.....	8	6	0	2	12
Lively Lads.....	8	5	0	3	10
Smithys Boys.....	6	5	0	1	10
Swimming Club.....	8	5	0	3	10
Broadoak.....	8	4	0	4	8
Dingbats.....	7	4	0	3	8
LHS.....	9	4	0	5	8
NBC.....	8	3	0	5	6
Groundhogs.....	6	2	0	4	4
Miss The Ball.....	8	2	0	6	4
Alligators.....	6	1	0	5	2

Division E	P	W	D	L	Pts
Bangers.....	8	6	0	2	12
Monty's Gang.....	7	5	1	1	11
Featherbeds.....	7	4	1	2	9
AFAR.....	6	4	0	2	8
Strawpeedoes.....	7	4	0	3	8
Alcoholics.....	8	3	1	4	7
Robb Rebels.....	7	2	2	3	6
Unknowns.....	7	2	1	4	5
Master Baiters.....	6	1	0	5	2
Offcuts.....	7	1	0	6	2

Dunns Trophy Leaders: G. Brooks (Rockets), T. Parkman (Denhay Farm) and S. Symonds (Strawpeedoes) All nine points.

Highest Individual League Score Leaders: K. Sorrell (Slingers) and G. Parsons (Lively Lads) both 92.

Medal Winners: I. Reeve (Miss The Ball) 91.

LADIES DIVISION A	P	W	D	L	Pts
Busy Bees.....	4	4	0	0	8
Brandy Snaps.....	5	3	0	2	6
Hidden Talent.....	5	3	0	2	6
Yo Yo's.....	6	3	0	3	6
Alleycats.....	5	2	0	3	4
Bad Girls.....	6	2	0	4	4
Ginger-Gales.....	2	1	0	1	2
Pinbashers.....	3	0	0	3	0

LADIES DIVISION B	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cuckoo's.....	5	4	1	0	9
No Problem.....	6	4	0	2	8
Highly Unlikely.....	5	2	2	1	6
Undecided.....	2	2	0	2	4
12 Pins.....	3	1	1	1	3
Jam Tarts.....	4	1	0	3	2
The Loozers.....	5	0	0	5	0

Rose Bowl Leader: S. Newman (Brandy Snaps) nine Points.

Highest Individual Score Leaders: S. Newman (Brandy Snaps) and S. Hearl (Cuckoos) both 78;

For A full list of missing results visit the Leagues website www.bridportskittles.org.uk

BEES FAIL TO TAKE CHANCES

BRIDPORT 1 ELMORE 4

Toolstation Division One
BRIDPORT failed to open the New Year with a win at St Mary's last Saturday when they went down to an unexpected reversal against Elmore.

Despite their recent results the Bees would have expected to beat their Exeter based rivals, but their failure to take their chances once again proved decisive.

Perhaps if Matt Moors shot had found the net soon after Elmore had regained the lead midway through the first-half instead of cannoning off the beaten keepers head, it may have lifted their spirits but it was not to be, and two late second half goals sealed a rather flattering win for visitors.

Elmore took the lead on 13 minutes with their first strike on target when Simon Evans brilliantly saved Tom Edworthy's flick. Evan's punched the resultant corner away but only to Liam Thomas who cleverly lobbed the

ball back beyond the Bees defence.

Moors back from a long injury looked sharp up front and quickly equalised with a well struck shot from 16-yards after Chris Clarke's surging run had set him up.

Mark Pickford put the visitors ahead again almost immediately. Bridport failed to adequately close down a right wing attack and then allowed the ball to reach the striker who scored from close in.

Then after Moors had luckily come close to equalising after cleverly working himself space, Chris Clarke headed wide from a free kick and had another chance that he might have taken before Jamie Symes headed an effort over the bar.

Bridport pushed after the interval for the equaliser but Elmore sat back and absorbed the pressure before breaking away on 77 minutes when James Blake beat the off-side trap to score and five minutes later Tom Pilling added another to cap a disappointing Bridport display.

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SENIOR AIMING FOR MIDTABLE

DESPITE crashing to defeat at home to Elmore last Saturday, Bees boss Trevor Senior is still confident that his side will finish midtable.

"I am looking at tenth position, and with the squad of players I have, I am confident that we can achieve this as a minimum."

Despite four consecutive defeats Senior was quick to defend his side. "The only bad game we had was against Hengrove at home where the ground was very heavy. We have acquitted ourselves well in the other matches and really need to make sure we take our chances when they come."

"That was the same problem as last year. We had 70% of the play against Elmore and created a ten or a dozen good chances but didn't take them and that cost us the game. Their last two goals came as we were chasing the game but we should have been well ahead by them."

"We seem to have more success away from home where we defend deep and hit the opposition on the break, whereas at home we are on the offensive but don't manage to make

By **STUART BROOM**

our advantage pay.

"The players are as frustrated as I am and know they have the skills to do better. It was frustrating on Saturday, and my only real criticism was they were not quick enough at times to get into the box and get on the end of the chances we created."

Senior was pleased with Moors contribution and sees him as the player that could get the goals to turn their fortune around. "He's getting stronger and has that instinct for scoring goals."

Skipper Darren Lock has now recovered from his injury, whilst Chris Senior returned for the last 20 minutes after a knee injury to further strengthen the squad. Jamie Symes also showed good touches in a striker's role although Senior prefers him coming from midfield.

"I thought Matt might struggle up front on his own after so long out and Jamie did quite well, although he is much more effective coming from midfield."

Senior was full of praise for Matt Condcliffe who won the man of the match for his display at wing back. "Matt has played really well at wing back and I am really pleased with him."

Weymouth have given Bridport 7-days notice for Shane Evans, whilst Weymouth on-loan keeper Simon Evans looks to be heading for Dorchester.

It is expected that he will have his contract cancelled by mutual consent and that he will sign for the Magpies. It is uncertain where this leaves Senior at the moment as he was hoping to extend the loan period, but he hopes that he can come to the same agreement with Dorchester boss Ashley Vickers as with Symes that he plays for Bridport as well on dual registration.

Senior said: "I haven't spoken with Ashley yet as the deal with Simon hasn't been completed, but I am hoping we can do the same as with Jamie."

Symes will go to Championship side Blackpool on Sunday for trials for five days.



◆ Nick Crittenden bursts between Simon Radcliffe (left) and another Terras defender in the New Year derby. Inset: Maybe the defining moment in the New Year derby. Steve Devlin (left) sees his header beat Terras keeper Ryan Harrison but cannons back off the post. Weymouth who were leading by a single goal at this point added a second soon after to secure the match.

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